

LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



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Annual General Meeting – 23rd May 2019

Captain's Report

Good afternoon gentlemen. As I do every year, I would like to start by thanking each and every one of our members - those of you here today, but also those who for whatever reason could not attend today's competition and our AGM. Thank you for your continued support, for your participation in our monthly competitions and for your ongoing commitment to our great Society.

I would like to thank each of the members of the Committee for their hard work behind the scenes, not just during the last year, but in some cases for many, many years. I would particularly like to thank Roger Best who has held several positions on the Committee – most recently as Membership Secretary. Roger has indicated that he will be resigning from the Committee after today due to work and personal commitments. I would like all of you please to put your hands together to thank the Committee for their efforts over the last year and for Roger for his input over many, many years. Thank you.

It is great to hear from our respective committee members that the Society remains in good shape, being well supported at the monthly medals, with a solid membership base and on a sound financial footing. We continue to value your support, but we must not become complacent. We are always looking for new members, and to retain existing members that have the energy and desire to participate in our monthly events and in the ongoing management of the Society.

If any of you would be interested in joining the Committee either next year or going forward then please do let us know. We are always looking for new blood, new ideas and new initiatives to keep our Society at the forefront of Society golf in Hong Kong.

The past year has been a very interesting and challenging one for sports clubs and golf courses in Hong Kong, but none more so than the Hong Kong Golf Club. You will no doubt have read in the media the report produced by the Task Force on Land Supply, which put forward the option of either the partial or full re-development of the facilities here at Fanling, when the clubs lease expires in 2020. We have been very active as Society on this matter, ensuring that our opposition to the proposals are made clear. Whilst this has been appreciated by the management of the Hong Kong Golf Club, it does now seem likely that there will be some redevelopment of the Old Course. A good reminder to cherish what we currently have and to remind ourselves of how grateful we are to the Hong Kong Golf Club for their support of the Society over the years.

On to brighter things. In addition to the monthly medals hosted each month, for the last 24 years, the Society has competed in a Ryder Cup format event against our friends in the Big Sai Wan Golf Society. Last years' event saw the Society field a team of 16 against 16 formidable Big Sai Wan players. Once again, the Tour was a resounding success. All the various matches were close, but the final day saw Little Sai Wan win 9.5 of the available 16 points to win the competition by 26 points to 22. Another close competition, but well done to JP as the winning Captain. The coming event in November will be the 25th anniversary of the event, so please do let JP know if you wish to join the team. At the moment, it looks like the event will revert to the old format of just 12 against 12, so if you are interested please let JP know as soon as possible.

So, to wrap up, once again a massive thank you to each and every one of our members for making this Society what it is today. A great bunch of guys, playing some great golf, having lots of great laughs on some great golf courses. How lucky we are. And so, I would like to ask you to be up standing and to raise a toast to ... 'Our Great Society and Great Friends'.

Thank you gentlemen.

Tony Michell
LSWGS Captain